

Remarks

Claims 1-17, 41 and 42 are currently pending in this application. Claims 18-40 have been cancelled and claims 41 and 42 added.

The Examiner has identified in the Office action the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-17, drawn to a tube, classified in class 138, subclass 174;
- II. Claims 18-32, drawn to an engine employing an intake tube, classified in class 123, subclass 184.21; and
- III. Claims 33-40, drawn to a method of manufacturing an intake crossover tube, classified in class 264, subclass 258+.

The Examiner has required an election of one of the inventions for prosecution. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-17) and cancel the claims of Group II (claims 18-32) and Group III (claims 33-40). Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims at a later date.

New claims 41 and 42 depend from claim 1 and fall within the Group I invention.

Conclusion

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I including claims 1-17, 41 and 42.

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